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Office Action Summary

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☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____

☐ This action is FINAL.

☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 35 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 1 month(s), or thirty days, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. (35 U.S.C. § 133). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Disposition of Claim
☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application

Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration

☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.

☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

☒ Claims 1-21 are subject to restriction or election requirement.
Application Papers
☐ See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.

☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.

☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.
Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119
☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

☐ All ☐ Some ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been

☐ received

☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____

☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).
Attachment(s)
☐ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

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☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413

☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restriction

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
 - I. Claims 1-4 and 10-14, drawn to methods of identifying proteins and methods of diagnosis for the presence of cancer, classified in class 435, subclass 4 and class 436, subclass 64.
 - II. Claims 5-9, drawn to methods of diagnosis and prognosis of cancer comprising detecting autoantibodies, classified in class 435, subclass 7.1, class 530, subclass 387.1.
 - III. Claims 15-17, drawn to methods of stimulating in a subject an immune response, classified in class 514, subclass 2.
 - IV. Claims 18-21, drawn to compositions comprising a protein identified in method of claim 1, classified in class 530, subclass 350.

2. The inventions are distinct, each from the other, for the following reasons:

Each of inventions I, II and III is directed to a separate and distinct process. Each of the processes are distinct both physically and functionally, require different steps and make or use different products. Invention groups I and II are materially different from Invention group III because each of invention groups I and II are directed to in vitro methods which are materially different from the in vivo methods of treatment of invention group III. Invention groups I and II

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are separate and distinct inventions from each other because the methods of group I are directed to the detection of serum proteins which produce autoantibodies and the methods of group II are directed to the detection of autoantibodies. Thus, each of these methods would require different steps and different reagents.

Inventions III and IV are related as product and process of use. The inventions can be shown to be distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) the process for using the product as claimed can be practiced with another materially different product or (2) the product as claimed can be used in a materially different process of using that product (MPEP § 806.05(h)). In the instant case, the inventions of group III can be used in an in vitro method to detect antibodies which is a materially different process from the process of invention group III.

3. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, and recognized divergent subject matter and because searches required for the groups are not co-extensive, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

4. Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement, to be complete, must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

5. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any

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amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(I).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Anne Holleran, Ph.D. whose telephone number is (703) 308-8892.

Examiner Holleran can normally be reached Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Anthony Caputa, Ph.D. can be reached at (703) 308-3995.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist at telephone number (703) 308-0196.

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Title

METHOD FOR IDENTIFICATION OF CELLULAR PROTEIN ANTIGENS AND PRESENCE OF
ANTIBODIES TO SPECIFIC CELLULAR PROTEIN ANTIGENS IN SERUM

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